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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Inventors: Jon Buzzard, et al.  
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Title: Handle Deployment Mechanism  
For Medical Devices And  
Method

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, please amend the application  
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